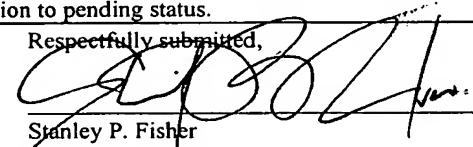


B/O Form PTO 1390  Trans National Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. §371		Attorney's Docket Number NITT.0050  U.S. Application Number (if known) <b>10/018430</b>
International Application Number <b>PCT/JP99/03341</b>	International Filing Date <b>June 23, 1999</b>	Priority Date Claimed <b>June 23, 1999 -</b>
<b>Title of Invention</b> <b>CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATOR AND SAMPLE PREPARATION DEVICE USING THE SEPARATOR</b>		
<b>Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US</b> <b>Kazunori OKANO, Katsuji MURAKAWA, Shinichi FUKUZONO, and Yukiko IKEDA</b>		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).</p> <p>5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2))</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> <p>6. A English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> <p>7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3))</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An executed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).</p>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</b>		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. Other items or information:</p>		

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		<b>CALCULATIONS</b>
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: <b>Basic National Fee</b> (37 C.F.R. §1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO..... 1,040.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO..... 890.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO. .... 740.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... 710.00  International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... 100.00		<b>PTO USE ONLY</b>
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$890.00</b>
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(e)).		<b>0.00</b>
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>
Total Claims	52	32
Independent Claims	18	15
Multiple Dependant Claims (if applicable)		+ 280.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b>		<b>2,726.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Entity claims small entity status. See 37 CFR1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		<b>0.00</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>2,726.00</b>
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. §1.492(f)).		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE</b>		<b>2,726.00</b>
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property		<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b>		<b>\$ 2,766.00</b>
		<b>Amount to be Refunded:</b> \$
		<b>Charged:</b> \$
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$2,766.00 to cover the national fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account Number 08-1480 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 08-1480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. <b>Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b> <b>Note:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. §1.94 or §1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. §1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.		

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## DECLARATION

I, Yoshinori Matsushima, of 1-76, 1-chome, Suehiro-cho, Ohme-shi, Tokyo, Japan, hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the following is a true translation made by me of the specification and drawings of the PCT International Application under No. PCT/JP99/03341 which was filed on June 23, 1999 in the name of HITACHI, LTD.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2001

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